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Road Commandment No. 2

To-day is the second day of Hong Kong's "Safety First" Week. Yesterday the first of Ten Commandments of the Road were published for drivers and pedestrians. The Second Commandment is this:—

FOR DRIVERS:—Show courtesy to other travellers. Consideration costs not in time or effort. It means a lot to cyclists, pedestrians and fellow motorists. It means still more to those who ride or drive horses, and to those in charge of children. Time so lost is easily regained on open bits of road. On a drive round the island, a motorist can show courtesy to hundreds of people. It can leave in their minds the impression that driving manners are improving. There is something rather nice in doing that.

FOR PEDESTRIANS:—Never walk along the roadway where there is a pavement or a suitable footpath. But if you do have to walk on the road, do so on the right hand side so that you face the oncoming traffic.

Labour Party Backs Bevin's Policy

LONDON, MAR. 10. THERE HAS BEEN A SHOWDOWN INSIDE THE PARLIAMENTARY LABOUR PARTY BETWEEN MR. ERNEST BEVIN'S FOREIGN POLICY CRITICS AND SUPPORTERS INSIDE HIS OWN PARTY. MR. BEVIN PERSONALLY ATTENDED THE MEETING, THE FIRST TIME FOR SIX MONTHS AND IT SHOWED THAT WELL OVER 300 OF THE 312 LABOUR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SUPPORT HIM IN GENERAL AND HIS U.N.O. STAND IN PARTICULAR.

The meeting showed at the same time that certain groups were forming inside the Parliamentary Labour Party who were either wholly or partially critical of its present foreign policy.

The most vocal and active of these groupings is one led among others by Tom Driberg and K. Billiaus, which holds that Mr. Bevin was mistaken from beginning to end and advocates a policy which in its essentials is indistinguishable from that of the Communists.

The striking feature, in the view of Labour leaders, is that in spite of considerable Parliamentary and journalistic ability of its leaders, this group has, in fact, made neither impression on her headway on the Parliamentary Labour Party and remains essentially isolated and without power even to lead minor revolt against Mr. Bevin. There is no one among them who has the standing enjoyed by such rebels as Bevin and Shiawell in the last Parliament.

Then there exists another smaller group which is also mainly critical of Bevin's foreign policy, particularly in Greece and at the U.N.O., but does not accept the Russian view so indiscriminately as does the Driberg-Billiaus group.

REMANDE GROUP

On what might be described as strait Communist issues on foreign policy, Mr. Bevin has to reason with the combined opposition of most of the 32 opponents comprising these two groups but this is the sum total of the strength of the all-out opposition to Bevin.

There is a third group of critics which supports Mr. Bevin in his stand against Russia and his general policy in Europe but is critical of the delay in carrying through the reform of the foreign services and of the re-assignment of old officials to new posts. In general this is no more than remainder group and has by far a larger following among the Parliamentary Party.

The only issue on which this group appears likely to join with the others in criticising Bevin's policy is Spain, but on this issue also Mr. Bevin strongly defends himself before the party and the general view before the meeting was that the Foreign Secretary's position was not impregnable with his own party, and that he has more support now than after his first speech. Any suggestion of a crisis is said to be utterly remote.

The pro-Communist groups are, however, parading here in the Labour Foreign Affairs Committee. At a meeting yesterday, they are believed to have presented a memorandum pro-

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LAHORE RIOT

Now Delhi, March 10.

Two college students were wounded when police fired on fighting Moslem and Hindu students in Lahore yesterday. There were no reports of fatalities. The fighting developed over the issue of Pakistan—the separate state proposed by Moslems. As-sociated Press.

BOLTON TRAGEDY

Soccer Stadium Collapses

Bodies Piled Four Deep

EXPLOSION SHAKES BRIGHTON

HOVE, MAR. 10. HOVE AND BRIGHTON, THE SUSSEX COAST RESORTS, WERE SHAKE AND THOUSANDS OF WINDOWS WERE SMASHED HERE TO-DAY WHEN A MINE WHICH HAD BEEN BURIED ON THE HOVE FORESHORE EXPLODED AS THE RESULT OF OVERZEALOUS EFFORT BY A NAVAL MINING SQUAD.

After vain efforts to sift the mine, which was submerged in the sand near the former naval training establishment H.M.S. King Alfred, the squad decided to place a small explosive charge beneath it to bring it to the surface. After the charge had been fired electrically, the mine itself exploded with a roar which reverberated three miles away.

A few persons were cut by flying glass and all the windows were shattered in apartment buildings nearby on the front. A petrol station 200 yards away was badly damaged. The former naval establishment building, now returned to the Hove Corporation, were also damaged on the seaward side.

Bulldozers are in future to be used to clear mines from British seaside resorts to make them safe for summer visitors. The War Office has announced meanwhile, Felizavetka beach, where several mines are lying, will be the scene of the first experimental clearance.—Reuter.

SABER RATTLING?

Philadelphia, March 10. Mr. Winston Churchill's speech urging an Anglo-American alliance was "almost a declaration of war against Russia," Senator Glen Taylor, Democrat of Idaho, said yesterday. He asserted that war games will be "infinitely more difficult" due to Churchill's "saber rattling."

"Churchill's aim is to preserve the British Empire and recover his lost glory," Taylor said.—Associated Press.

last year. The Chief Constable said his information was that Elliott was sacked for laziness by two employers and his wife spent the money grants in public houses.—Reuter.

U.S. Glider-Bomb Chased Target

NEW YORK, MAR. 10. AN UNIDENTIFIED HERO RODE ASTRIDE RADAR EQUIPMENT FIXED TO THE FRONT OF A BLIMP'S GONDOLA ON RESEARCH TESTS WHICH ENABLED THE U.S. NAVY TO PERFECT "THE BAT"—A GLIDER BOMB USED SUCCESSFULLY IN THE LATE STAGES OF THE PACIFIC WAR.

Bell Telephone Laboratories disclosed the fact yesterday in reporting how the bomb with radar in its nose, automatically tracked enemy warships and merchantmen for miles, twisting and turning with them until it hit the target.

In early tests the big problem was to learn what went wrong with the "bats" which failed to function. The unnamed hero's instruments told what was happening in the automatic controls of the nearby flying "bats" as they tracked their targets. This led to adjustments and improvements.

The "bat" was another of the war's secret weapons. It is the counterpart of the proximity fuse, which exploded American shells when they were within 75 feet of their target. The "bat" differs in having a guiding range of several miles and exploding when it hits. The new weapon is a glider, about 12 feet long, with a wing.

For night work the mother

AT LEAST 34 WERE CRUSHED OR TRAMPLED TO DEATH AND SCORES WERE INJURED IN BRITAIN'S WORST SPORTS DISASTER WHEN TWO RETAINING BARRIERS COLLAPSED IN THE SOCCER STADIUM GRANDSTAND, TUMBLING HUNDREDS OF SCREAMING SPECTATORS FORWARD UNTIL BODIES WERE PILED FOUR DEEP.

THE BARRIERS COLLAPSED SHORTLY AFTER THE START OF A CUP-TIE SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN BOLTON WANDERERS AND STOKE CITY ATTENDED BY A CROWD OF MORE THAN 70,000.

At Bolton morgue 34 bodies were counted but there were reports the death toll might be 38. Two of the dead were women.

The retaining barriers suddenly collapsed under pressure of the tightly packed crowd. Spectators tumbled from their standing positions in one grandstand tier onto persons standing below the "cheap seat" side of the stadium.

As the screaming victims fell, they were smothered by waves of spectators tumbling through the broken barriers. Some swept over the retaining wall and onto the playing field.

KILLED OUTRIGHT

Despite the accident, the game was suspended only 26 minutes while ambulances, police, fire ve-

EXPLOSION IN MINE SWEEPER

Dover, Mar. 10.

An explosion occurred to-day in the minuscoper "Streafleet" while at anchor in the Channel off Dover. One rating was killed and more than 25 of the crew injured.

A fire believed to have been caused by electrical fusing broke out on one of the main decks. A naval inquiry will be held.—Reuter.

500 INJURED

Over 500 persons were treated at the ground as minor casualties.

In a similar incident in 1902, during an English-Scottish championship match, 25 were killed and 517 injured.

Emergency calls for doctors were sent throughout the Lancashire area. Thirty-two of the victims were reported killed outright in the crush.

The crash was not heard across the field and it was not until ambulances started arriving that the stadium became quiet and play ceased.—Associated Press.

TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT

The dead and injured were trampled underfoot as the crowd surged forward on to the playing pitch.

Extra police were rushed to the ground and an S.O.S. was flashed to the town for doctors to come with the casualties. Ambulances and police patrol cars carried the wounded away while private automobiles were impressed to help transport the injured to hospitals which had already been warned by war-time emergency signal to "stand by".

The disaster occurred 16 minutes after the start of the game when two barriers near a stand gave way, sending thousands of tightly packed spectators surging forward. Cheers turned to screams as the helpless crowd began to stumble and fall and to be blanched by a fresh wave of people moving irresistably forward. In a few moments bodies were crushed and piled four deep on each other.

After 20 minutes police and officials cleared the pitch and the game was restarted while ambulance men, doctors and nurses dealt with the casualties, tearing improvised bandages from their clothes when the limited supplies on the ground gave out.

Police marshalled the crowds back from the scene as wounded and dead were passed from hand

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to safety.

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New precautions against fire-raiders are bringing the great ports of England and Scotland back almost to wartime conditions. The authorities are preparing for the return of the liner "Orontes" just back from India with returning troops. Her captain was handed a sealed letter telling him of the "Queen Elizabeth" fire and urging all the strictest precautions.

After consulting Sir James Blissett, master of the "Queen Elizabeth," and the Southampton Chief Constable, Mr. J. S. Firth, head of the Home Office's Forensic Service laboratory, donned a boiler suit and began his investigation of the giant liner's blaze.

Firth took charge of a number of articles for microscopic examination from a store where

the "Queen Elizabeth" had been docked yesterday. He spent some hours in his examination and late to-night was hurriedly recalled when the fire alarm sounded through the corridors of

the liner.—Associated Press.

British Note To Moscow

London, Mar. 10. Britain, joining the United States in its protest over Manchuria, has delivered through the British Chargé d'Affaires in Moscow, Mr. Frank Roberts, a note to the Soviet Government, against the removal of Japanese plants and installations from Manchuria.

The United States complaint, with which Britain is now associated, stated that Japanese machinery in Manchuria must be regarded as part of Japanese reparations, the distribution of which must be decided by all Allies jointly.

The British protest, however, differs from the United States Note in that it does not make reference to the presence of Russian troops in Manchuria in spite of the Soviet promise to withdraw by February 1, says Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.—Reuter.

Strong Criticism In Soviet Press

MOSCOW, MAR. 10. OUTSPOKEN COMMENTS IN THE SOVIET PRESS TODAY ON "THE ENTIRELY INADEQUATE" BRITISH-FRENCH-AMERICAN DECLARATION ON SPAIN AND THE "FIERCE ECONOMIC CRISIS" IN EGYPT, FOLLOWED LAST NIGHT'S RUSSIAN FOREIGN OFFICE CHARGE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS INFRINGING THE "BIG THREE" AGREEMENT ON BULGARIA.

The main feature of the joint declaration on Spain was that there was no intention of interfering in her internal affairs. This is described to-day by "Pravda," organ of the Russian Communist Party, as the "old spectre of non-interference."

"The principle of non-interference has entirely suited France, both in the past and now in the present," adds the Pravda.

It continues: "There must be real measures directed at the overthrowing of General Franco."

The paper recalls that at the Potsdam conference, Russia proposed that the United Nations break off relations with the Franco Government and aid the Spanish democratic forces and Spanish people in creating a new regime.

"It is hardly possible to doubt that the acceptance of the Soviet proposals would have contributed in many respects to the liquidation of Franco's tottering regime. But they were not accepted."

BRITAIN AGAIN! Calling for concrete measures "without further delay," "Pravda" declares that it is obvious that the three-power declaration will not persuade Franco to leave his "cosy place" in Madrid.

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The problem of identifying the Princess was summed up by a police spokesman who said: "There are so many Princesses Galitzine in Paris it is very difficult to sort them out." Reuter.

"Sabotage" Warnings Sent To Liners

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Every ship now entering British docks is met by police officers who go aboard and warn the master of the ship of the need for fire precautions.—Reuter.

SMALLPOX ON ORONTES

Southampton, Mar. 10.

Dr. H. G. Meurice Williams, medical officer, confirmed a case of smallpox aboard the 20,000-ton Orient liner "Orontes" which docked here yesterday with 4,000 troops and civilians from India. The liner was quarantined by Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

TODAY'S FORECAST: — Cloudy with moderate easterly winds.

Maximum: — 70 degrees at 7 a.m.

Minimum: — 63 degrees at 12 p.m.

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Germans First, Then Communists

(By Hubert Harrison)

BERLIN, MAR. 10.—THE ARREST OF THE COMMUNISTS IN THE AMERICAN SECTOR HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYONE OUTSIDE THE AMERICAN ZONE, COLONEL F. L. HOWLEY, THE UNITED STATES MILITARY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID HERE TO-DAY.

He insisted that similar action would be taken against members of any party, no matter who transgressed the rules laid down by the Military Government and that the Russians and Red Army were in no way connected with the affair.

There were no indications that the men had acted on the orders of anyone outside the Schoenberg district.

In the opinion of the spokesman, the men were Germans first and foremost, and Communists second. It was even possible that they were using Communism as a cloak for the action, designed to split the Allies.

Even of the twelve arrested were officials of the local administration of Schoenberg. They had written orders which said:

"Firstly, they must prevent any change of personnel in the local administrative staff; ... [and] the local secretary of the Communist Party. Secondly, they must take part in no conferences on discussions and obey no orders until they had obtained approval of the local Communist Party. Thirdly, they must set up party groups in all local Government organisations. Fourthly, they must report to the Party all orders from the Allied Military Government."

Charges against the prisoners, some of whom may be released after examination, include wilful interference with persons under United States authority, intimidating persons acting under this authority, disrespect of Allied orders and action against the interests of the occupying powers.—Reuter.

SPANISH CALL-UP

Madrid, March 10.—The Spanish army yesterday announced the introduction of conscription of the 1946 class beginning March 17. The class, estimated to consist of 160,000 boys who will be 20 this year, replaces the class of 1943 most of whose members received indefinite leave late last year after completing their regular service.

The classes of 1944 and 1945 now form the backbone of the Spanish army.—Associated Press.

The subscription campaign started by the "Wah Kiu Yat Po" to raise funds for relief of the famine-stricken people of Hunan, Hupeh, Kiangsi and Honan, netted over QM6,000,000 during the first week.

"COMMUNISM MIGHT SWEEP INDIA"

BOMBAY, MAR. 10.—THE AGA KHAN ASSERTED YESTERDAY THAT RUSSIA "WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED" TO TAKE OVER INDIA IF BRITAIN MOVED OUT BECAUSE "GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, TURKEY AND CHINA WOULD RESIST IT."

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Safety First

The official return of road accidents issued in association with the opening of Safety First Week tells a bad enough story. Over a period of four months, 1,100 persons have been killed and 1,100 seriously injured, with a total casualty list of 1,100. Service vehicles have been responsible for approximately two-thirds of the casualties and aviation vehicles for the remainder. Figures which bring in mind the high proportion of Service vehicles on the roads, would seem to suggest that the recklessness of Service drivers has been painted in darker colours than is warranted. The essential truth lies perhaps in between. The number of accidents reported to the police is far from complete. Mislays without serious injuries are frequently smoothed out by the payment of a few dollars by way of compensation to the victim, and, in addition, there is evidence that police have not always been brought into smashes in which only service personnel has been involved. Kowloon too, has been the scene of far too many accidents of the hit-and-run type, and there have been widespread and justified complaints of the complete disregard of traffic rules by the drivers of Chinese military cars and trucks. If there have not been more fatalities and cases of serious injury it has been because of the agility of possible victims and not because of the skill or consideration of the drivers. What ever the figures tend to show, and they credit 42 per cent. of the reported cases to reckless driving or excessive speed, and 43 per cent. to pedestrian jay-walking — an easy thing for a motorist to plead — it is sufficient to accept the testimony of one's own eyes and experience that those in control of motor vehicles in the Colony far too frequently drive with an entire lack of consideration for other road-users. The reminder cannot be too often or too strongly repeated that in the contested streets of Hong Kong's built-up areas, drivers must be required to hold themselves in constant readiness for the sudden appearance of a pedestrian in the road. Pedestrians, of course, have an equal duty to take sensible measures for their own safety. Much can be done and is being vigorously attempted in the education of the public by talks on road safety over the mobile Public Address System, which will leave no district untouched by the Safety First campaign. Similarly, in the schools, lessons are to be given in an effort to reduce the number of casualties among children. All phases of the campaign may be expected to contribute their share towards making people think. For that is the primary necessity. The Colony's normal traffic control system is for the present not able to function. It will be some considerable time before it can be restored to its former standards of efficiency. The absence of traffic lights and pointsmen does not, however, exonerate any person from the responsibility of care and caution. Quite the reverse. More than ever, the price of safety is individual vigilance.

BANDITS BLAMED FOR MURDER

London, Mar. 10.—Moscow radio said to-day the headquarters of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky, Russian commander in Manchuria, issued a statement at Changchun, the capital, that bandits killed four Chinese members of a demarcation commission and burned three of the bodies.

The statement charged that the slaying was committed with a view to provoking anti-Soviet feelings.—Associated Press.

China's Leading Paper On Mr. Churchill

THE WORLD'S MAJOR POWERS NEED A CHANGE OF HEART, SAID THE INFLUENTIAL NEWSPAPER "TA KUNG PAO" IN COMMENTING UNFAVORABLY ON WINSTON CHURCHILL'S SPEECH ADVOCATING CLOSER ANGLO-AMERICAN MILITARY COOPERATION. (THE EDITORIAL WAS GIVEN ADDED SIGNIFICANCE BY ITS DISTRIBUTION IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE OFFICIAL CHINESE NEWS AGENCY).

Describing the speech as "full of fear of another war" and "inflammatory," "Ta Kung Pao" recalled that Mr. Churchill no longer is in the British Government, "but because of the fact he is a guest of President Truman and that he visited Missouri in company with President Truman and was introduced by him, his speech stirs up the United States and attracts the attention of the world.

It is only six months since V-E day and, pending settlement of many questions resulting from the war, we have again come to the eve of another war. Its mankind so foolish as to seek its own extermination? This cannot possibly be the case.

"Why has the present world situation become so critical? Are there still people foolish enough to think of conquering the world as the Japanese militarists attempted? Are there still people like Hitler who want to follow their own fancies and destroy civilisation?"

FEEL INSECURE

"There are not such people in the world. We do not believe any big power would want to expand her territory endlessly. But some of the big powers are haunted by a feeling of insecurity. This feeling subjectively is defensive in nature, but objectively it can become a motive power for aggression."

Observing that the search of nations for security has no limits, "Ta Kung Pao" said this can become suicidal.

"In this age of the atomic bomb, such a feeling, if not restrained, is dangerous," said the editorial. "It may lead to destruction of mankind. But through an appeal to reason, it can yet turn to good; that is if some of the big powers of their own accord checkmate their own unilateral search for security."

"Ta Kung Pao" said every nation should strive to strengthen the United Nations Organisation and respect its ideal. It concluded:

"Reading over Mr. Churchill's speech, one feels a threat of war. But, if some of the big powers will have a change of heart, to attain security will be as easy as picking up something from the ground. It is for the big powers to make a choice between the two: co-operation or war."

Now the classes of 1944 and 1945 now form the backbone of the Spanish army.—Associated Press.

A small fire which broke out on Saturday night on the third floor of David House in the premises of the Electric and Engineering Supply Co. severely damaged a motor engine. Two appliances from Central Fire Station promptly put the fire out.

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CHINA FAMINE AND U.N.R.R.A.

CHUNGKING, MAR. 10.—Hsu Kan told the Kuomintang congress session yesterday that General Marshall would confer with U.N.R.R.A. officials on behalf of food for China during his visit in the United States.

The governors of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, and Hunan provinces told the party meeting of acute food shortage in these southern regions. Hsu Kan said China is seeking U.N.R.R.A. permission to buy rice from Indochina, Burma and Siam.

He said U.N.R.R.A. Director Herbert Lehman recently wired the Food Ministry advising the Chinese to tighten their belts to the barest subsistence level until the autumn harvests.

Hsu said there was great worry involved in getting rice to feed the Chinese army as it is obtained through compulsory sale at one-half or one-third below the market price. Delegates suggested a more rational compulsory price and one suggested cutting rates of Japanese prisoners of war.—Associated Press.

OVER 49,000 DIE

CHUNGKING, March 10.—Over 49,000 persons in a few towns of Southern Hupeh Province near the Hunan border have died of famine and epidemics, a Chinese Central News Agency report from Hankow stated to-day.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING, March 10.—Dr. Wellington Koo, the Chinese ambassador to London, is expected to call a meeting shortly to consult with his Government and report to the Kuomintang congress on the recent United Nations Organisation proceedings.—Associated Press.

Anglo-American Unity

Washington, Mar. 10.—Winston Churchill told a group of American army and navy officers to-day that "whatever circumstances may require it" British and United States unity "will be available to strengthen any joint efforts our governments may make."

Lauding General Eisenhower's joint European staff as "extreme perfection," Mr. Churchill declared: "I am certain our effective unity saved scores of thousands of lives, perhaps far more, and abridged the course of the struggle as nothing else could have done. That must be regarded as a precious possession which we have in common."

He said he did not think "circumstances" would require such joint effort "in our lifetime."—Associated Press.

Readers' Letters

ASSONANTAL RHYME

Sir,—I rise to the occasion with my "customary readiness" when I feel that the question is sincere, and not merely rhetoric. I must ask "Plebe" to frame his questions as honest enquiries in future.

The example of Auden's verse, which has bothered "Plebe" so much, was intended, primarily to illustrate assonantal rhyme. I doubt whether the true import of the words would be clear, delivered out of context.

Here then, are the words in context: "Upon this line between adventure, prolong the meeting out of good nature."

But should the walk do more than this?

Out of bravado or drunkenness Forward or back are menaces. On neither side let foot slip over

Intruding always, exploring never,

For this is hate, and this is fear.

On narrowness stand, for sunlight is

Brightest only on surfaces;

No anger, no traitor, but peace."

This is an example of "classical" poetry; that is, verse written with a minimum of accessory circumstance.

When we act, says Auden, let it be with a good purpose, and for the sake of others. An action, he continues, has no worthwhile meaning unless it is directed towards ultimate good for all.

We must not be inclined to fear because difficulties threaten, but stick to our ideals, and remember that life should be controlled by clarity of thought and observance of truth—"on narrowness stand, for sunlight is brightest only on surfaces."

"Plebe's" philosophical reasoning is a good example of typically dangerous logic.

He believes that it is impossible to touch the "soul's chords" through the intellect. I would say that the only way of transmitting a permanent impression to the finer feelings is through the mind.

Spontaneous emotion is dangerous, because it obscures reason. Considered emotion, however, has a purpose, a goal. It will not fade, but be felt until the reason for its existence has been eradicated; or, if it is an appreciation of beauty, it will be constant for as long as such beauty exists.

Considered emotion is not impulsive, and impulsive emotion are invariably transient.

We must not separate the intellect from the soul—the cold, the intellect, or mind, and the soul, are actually co-existent, but it has been considered convenient to keep them separate. The results have been the cold, inhumanity of everyday life, and the sentimentalities of art; if we re-think these factors, they will produce a unified humanity and sentiment in both spheres.

It is tragic that for so long the milk of human kindness has been

divided into cold water, and rich, salty solids.

Poetry has been a sentimental extract in England for a very long time; Modern verse is re-uniting mind and soul, and it is showing a far better philosophy than the art ever has shewn before and a good, workable, philosophy, which will eventually formulate day-by-day conduct in all walks of life.

There is feeling in pure philosophy; Practical, invaluable humanitarianism. Modern verse is an increasingly potent means of explaining this very necessary quality. Does "Plebe" wish it to be otherwise?

PHILOSOPHY

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Spontaneous emotion is dangerous, because it obscures reason. Considered emotion, however, has a purpose, a goal. It will not fade, but be felt until the reason for its existence has been eradicated; or, if it is an appreciation of beauty, it will be constant for as long as such beauty exists.

Considered emotion is not impulsive, and impulsive emotion are invariably transient.

We must not separate the intellect from the soul—the cold, the intellect, or mind, and the soul, are actually co-existent, but it has been considered convenient to keep them separate. The results have been the cold, inhumanity of everyday life, and the sentimentalities of art; if we re-think these factors, they will produce a unified humanity and sentiment in both spheres.

It is tragic that for so long the milk of human kindness has been

Industrial Manchuria Stripped, Looted

RUSSIAN WITHDRAWAL

Central News Story Of Evacuation

Lebanon Withdrawals

Paris, March 10. The French Foreign Ministry announced yesterday that some French troops would be kept in Lebanon until April 1 of next year under a programme calling for the gradual withdrawal of all French troops.

The Ministry said the last British troops would be out of Lebanon by April 30 next according to arrangements by the French and British military experts who conferred on joint operations for the evacuation of Lebanon and Syria.

The statement added that despite shipping shortages and to extent of French installations in Lebanon, troops will be out of the Beirut cantonal area and all of the interior by August 31 this year. Associated Press.

No Authentic Information

CHUNGKING, MAR. 10. THE CHINESE CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY SAID YESTERDAY THAT RUSSIAN TROOPS HAD WITHDRAWN COMPLETELY FROM THE MANCHURIAN CITY OF MUKDEN.

THE AGENCY REPORTED "INDICATIONS" OF RED ARMY EVACUATION OF ALL NORTHERN CHINA.

The agency said that fires broke out in several sections of Mukden after the Russian troops had left, but offered no explanation of the cause.

News of the Russian withdrawal caused some tension in official quarters here as the Chinese waited hopefully to see whether Red Army troops would abandon Manchuria.

where they have been for five weeks beyond the date set for their departure.

All quarters in Changting are waiting anxiously to see whether reported movement of Soviet forces northward from Mukden develops into a general withdrawal from Manchuria.

Sources who think it might actually so develop base the opinion on the fact that so far as is known Soviet authorities never have intimated that they will not quit Manchuria. At last Wednesday's press conference in Chungking the Chinese foreign office spokesman said the Russians had attributed their stay in Manchuria to "technical difficulties," although they had not specified what the difficulties were.

PLAINTIVE QUERY

The last agreed deadline for the Russians to complete their withdrawal was Feb. 1 so they now have overstayed by more than five weeks.

The "World Daily News" in an editorial said Soviet removal of equipment from factories in Manchuria had brought about "irreparable destruction" to the industrial foundation of the northern region. The paper asserted that it did not understand the exact meaning of the "economic cooperation" for which the Russians were reported to be pressing, and it plainly asked whether the Sino-Soviet treaty had not bestowed enough advantages upon Russia in Manchuria. — Associated Press.

NOT CONFIRMED

Chungking, March 10. Reliable Chinese sources who requested anonymity said to-day they had not received any authentic information so far to indicate that Russian troops were evacuating Mukden or starting to withdraw from Manchuria, and until they get such information they would put no credence in unofficial reports of "indications." — Associated Press.

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BRITONS ATTACKED

Buenos Aires, March 10.

At least six British people were attacked and beaten by striking meat packers here to-day. One of them was detained in a British hospital with head injuries.

Sources close to the Argentine Government are very hopeful that a settlement of the strike of refrigerating plants workers will be reached early next week.

The police have opened an inquiry into an incident before the Spanish Consulate building here to-day, when the explosion of a bomb caused alarm. No one was injured. — Reuter.

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Congress Expects Hot Debates

(By Spencer Moore.)

CHUNGKING, MAR. 10. SOME OF THE HOTTEST DEBATES OF THE CURRENT PLIENARY SESSION OF THE KUOMINTANG CONGRESS ARE EXPECTED WHEN REORGANISATION OF THE GOVERNMENT, AS DECIDED BY THE CENTRAL INTERPARTY CONFERENCE IN CHUNGKING, COMES BEFORE THE CONGRESS.

THIS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS OF THE REGENT CONFERENCE ARE OPPOSED BITTERLY BY KUOMINTANG "DIEHARD" WHO FEEL THAT TOO MANY CONCESSIONS WERE MADE TO THE COMMUNISTS AND OTHER PARTIES.

Eccles Backs British Loan

Washington, March 10. The chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve system, Mr. Marriner Eccles, described the proposed British credit yesterday as "a blood transfusion" to restore economic health to "a stout-hearted ally dedicated to institutions of freedom and democracy."

He told the Senate banking committee that without the \$1,750,000,000 credit the British people might be subjected to privation even greater than in wartime.

"No one could say whether freedom and democracy could survive under such conditions," he declared. "Along this road lies further totalitarian development."

Senator Barkley of Kentucky, acting chairman of the committee, said there apparently "is no organised opposition" to the proposed loan. He estimated hearings would continue a week or 10 days. — Associated Press.

Alright As Far As It Goes

San Francisco, March 10. The "Chronicle," commenting on the proposed Japanese constitutional provision forever renouncing war as a policy against other nations, predicts the clause will eventually be overridden by the Japanese people.

The paper comments: "From one point of view it is lovely that Japan never again will engage in war that is not in self-defense. From another point of view this means this part of the Japanese constitution will remain in force so long as we stay in Japan with troops to uphold it."

"The moment the occupying forces depart, the Japanese will amend this part of the constitution or forget it. No independent nation will let itself be deprived of the right of self-defense by continuing restraints from an outside power." — Associated Press.

ATTACK ON M.P.S.

Yokohama, March 10. Three Japanese seamen are being held for trial on charges of attacking two M.P.s with knives. The Yokohama Provost Marshal's office said the attack occurred in an "off limits" alley after the M.P.s on foot patrol had broken up a gathering of Japanese sailors. — Associated Press.

Tokyo, March 10. To help fill the north-eastern hemisphere weather map for the benefit of world industry, commerce and agriculture, the Japanese have been directed by Allied Headquarters to operate weather stations on seven Pacific island groups: Iwo-jima-shima, Yaeyama-shima, Minami-jima-shima, Hachijo-shima, Torishima and Miyako-shima. — Associated Press.

Precautions

New York, March 10. The Cunard-White Star Line in New York has warned the port authorities against allowing unauthorized persons near the company's ships. This is the sequel to the fire on the "Queen Elizabeth" at Southampton and the series of 16 other fires on ships in British ports.

The Line has revised wartime precautions to guard ships. Everyone from company officials to the most junior employee must now show a pass. — Reuter.

Revision Of Egyptian Treaty

Cairo, March 10. Lord Killarny, who was leaving last night for Singapore to take over his new assignment as special commissioner in South-east Asia, said at an afternoon press conference that he expected a "full partnership" of Egypt and Britain to arise from the revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

He said the forthcoming negotiations would call for the highest statesmanship to create mutual understanding, and then apparently referring to the recent anti-British riots, said that "outside agitation does not help."

Lord Killarny, who has been replaced as British Ambassador in Cairo by Sir Ronald Ian Campbell, has been assigned to Singapore to help in British efforts to alleviate the Far Eastern food shortage. — Associated Press.

Steering Middle Course

Athens, March 9. The Greek Foreign Minister, Constantine Rentis, told a press conference that Greece should not link itself with either of the two powers "that might be duelling for dominion influence" over the country.

British troops occupy the country and Britain installed and supports a moderate regency government. Russia has opposed the action of British troops there, bringing the matter before the United Nations Security Council. Moscow radio supports the activities of the Communist Party and the Greek E.A.M. the Leftist political coalition.

Rentis said that 12 Bulgarian and six Albanian divisions are deployed along the Greek frontier and disclosed that there are four Greek divisions along the border. He told journalists that "It is vital for Greece to be strong with well protected boundaries." — Associated Press.

LIE RECOVERING

London, March 10. Trygve Lie of Norway, Secretary-General of the United Nations, showing excellent recovery from a "minor operation" and will be back at his desk on Monday, a United Nations staff official said last night.

Lie, the official said, entered a London hospital on Friday. No further details were available.

Associated Press.

PERSIAN PREMIER DELAYED

Teheran, March 10.

Cabinet members, foreign diplomats, deputies and a four-mile long guard of honour waited in vain at the Teheran airport yesterday for the arrival of Premier Quavam es Sultaneh from conferences in Moscow.

Not until several hours after they had gathered did they learn that his plane was reported to have put down at Bakur because of bad weather conditions, and that Sultaneh probably would get home to-day. — Associated Press.

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Gen. Marshall Called Back To Washington

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TRANSPORT CREW ON STRIKE

Bombay, March 10. The sailing of the 14,000 ton transport "Large Bay" for Singapore has been held up here owing to "crew trouble," it was learned to-day.

The vessel, scheduled to carry British troops and a number of civilians, has a British crew and although official details of the trouble are lacking, it is understood they are objecting to the long period of service away from home and also to their quarters in the ship.

Some passengers who had already gone aboard were disembarked yesterday.

The ultra-nationalist "Free Press Journal" said the British-manned "Large Bay" refused to take aboard 50 evacuees bound for Singapore because they happened to be "coloured," but there is no confirmation of this allegation. — Reuter.

BRITISH SUPPORT

London, March 10.

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that Britain supported the United States demand that Bulgaria's government be broadened to include two members of the opposition before British and American recognition be accorded to the Sofia regime. He said that Richard Tollington, Britain's acting representative in Sofia, had informed the Bulgarian government several days ago that Britain was associating herself with the United States memorandum of Feb. 22. — Associated Press.

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The housing shortage plays no
favours in Maryville's No. 2 fire
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to convert the property. Asso-
ciated Press.

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**CUP GAMES DRAW
 HUGE CROWDS**

LONDON, MAR. 13.—CHARLTON, BIRMINGHAM, HOLTON AND DERBY ADVANCED TO-DAY INTO THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE FIRST POSTWAR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP COMPETITION. AS FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN A ROW, MORE THAN 18,000 FANS JAMMED THE GROUNDS WHERE CUP GAMES WERE BEING PLAYED.

TRAGEDY MARKED A SCORELESS GAME AT BOLTON BETWEEN THE WANDERERS AND STOKE WHEN A STAND-IN WALL COLLAPSED ON PART OF THE MASS CROWD BUT BOLTON MOVED INTO THE SEMIFINALS BY A TWO GOAL MARGIN IN LAST WEEK'S FIRST LEG VICTORY.

Stoke had their chances to-day but both sides were obviously affected by the accident. Bolton have lost only 16 cup-ties out of 71 played since 1914.

The most exciting game of the day was at Derby where Aston Villa got on to terms with the cup-favourites after 10 minutes play. Tempers became frayed when the Villa centre half brought down the Derby right-winger, Sammy Crooks, who had to leave the field for the rest of the game.

Despite this, Derby pressed strongly and with one minute of the first half left, they deservedly levelled the score to keep ahead on aggregate. After Villa lost their right-half Parkes half way through the set off half the task always seemed to be on them.

Birmingham had little difficulty in disposing of Bradford to reach the last four in the cup. They took the lead immediately from the kick-off and maintained supremacy throughout. Their forwards Dougal, Bodle and Mulroney each scored two. Mulroney got the last two within a grace of two minutes near the end of the game.

DURRANT SORREIVED

In the remaining tie between Brentford and Charlton, Brentford was informed before the match that the wife of their centre-forward Durrant had died earlier in the day. Durrant had maintained a constant vigil at his wife's bedside throughout the week. His place in the team was taken by Townsend. From Brentford's point of view the game was a case of missed chances. Had they accepted them, they might have pulled the out of the fire. As it was Charlton followed the opposite policy and shot at every opportunity.

Brentford's solitary goal was scored by half-back Scott who showed the forwards the way by slaming in an unstoppable drive from 25 yards. Charlton entered the semi-final for the first time in their history.

One hundred and eighty thousand watched the four cup-tie games to-day, according to the latest estimates, making an aggregate of 370,000 spectators for the sixth round.

The draw for the semi-finals will be made on Monday. The one-game ties will be played on neutral grounds.

League football was rather overshadowed by the Cup to-day. The feature of the League games was the early scoring by a number of sides.

The Third Divisioners Redditch were two up in as many minutes against Brighouse while Everton, Arsenal, Notts County, Leeds, the Wolves and Chester, all opened their account within three minutes of the start.

In League North, Sheffield United were too good for Liverpool. Their victory gives them a clear two point lead over Everton, who were held to a draw on their home ground by Sheffield Wednesday. The Wednesday were two goals in arrears but fought back gallantly to equalise.

Leeds South was little affected by to-day's games as the four leaders were engaged in the cup games.

The Oxford University student, J. C. Moncrieff, led the Halifax attack against Hartlepool and scored after seven minutes. Hartlepool equalised later in the game.

In a day of high scoring in Scotland, Mackintosh got six of St. Johnstone's nine goals against Albion Rovers in the Division "B" Cup. Snow caused the postponement of the Queen of the South-Motherwell game.

Football matches played to-day resulted as follows:

F.A. CUP

Sixth Round (2nd Leg):—
Birmingham 6; Bradford 0; Bradford eliminated 2-3; Bolton 2; Stoke 0; (Stoke eliminated 0-2); Brentford 1; Charlton 3; (Brentford eliminated 4-0); Derby 1; Villa 1; (Villa eliminated 4-0).

LEAGUE NORTH

Chesterfield 3; Burnley 0; Everton 2; Wednesday 2; Huddersfield 2; Birmingay 1; Leeds 2; Grimsby 2; Manchester United 6; Blackburn 2; Preston 3; Manchester City 1; Sheffield United 3; Liverpool 1; Sunderland 2; Hull 1.

LEAGUE SOUTH

Arsenal 1; Chelsea 4; Fulham 1; Spurs 1; Luton 4; Southampton 1.

LOCAL SOCCER

At Causeway Bay yesterday Eastern and No. 1 Commandos entered the Semi-Final Round of the football Shield competition when they beat No. 5 Commandos and R.A.S.C. respectively.

The first game between R.A.S.C. and No. 1 Commandos was evenly contested and the Commandos fully deserved their win. In the other game Eastern were definitely superior and by virtue of their better combination and understanding, won easily.

Displaying better combination in the attack and better understanding in the defence, Eastern had little difficulty in beating No. 5 Commandos by four goals to two in the Second Round of the football Shield competition at Causeway Bay yesterday.

The Commandos had several good players and it was obvious that they had not played as a team for a long time. The forward movements were seen in several good moves but these fizzled out when within shooting distance.

Ford, who has represented the Army here before, was a good leader but had the continual attentions of Hsu Kuei-sen, who did not give him much scope. Coleman and Harvey, the wingers, were too well marked to be really dangerous.

Hill and Bryden the inside-forwards, were seen in several good movements, but found the opposing back, Lau and Fook in good form.

Nisbett, in goal, played useful game and was in no way responsible for the defeat of his side. In front of him Goodchild and Dent were great defenders but were run off their feet by the short intermission of the Chinese side.

Thorne, in the pivotal position, played well and Bannister at left half had the better of Tang Kwong-sum.

Eastern scored early in the game through Chan Tak-fai and not long after the same player added another. Before the interval Loi Shui-wing scored.

In the second half, Ford reduced the lead but Lai Shui-wing scored for the Chinese. Harvey scored the other goal for the Commandos.

1 COMMANDO IMPRESS

No. 1 Commando, in their first appearance on the local soccer field, acquitted themselves well, defending comfortably 7-1. R.A.S.C. by four goals to one to enter the semi-finals of the Shield Competition.

Commandos were the better balanced team and with the backs having the upper hand of the R.A.S.C. forwards, they did the most attacking. The whole defence was on top form and had the losers' front line completely bottled up.

Doughty, Commandos' goalie, had an easy afternoon. In contrast to his opposite, Wiggin was constantly harassed and was none too confident.

Gray and Jones were two reliable defenders, while the halves, Inglis, Rudley and Turner, were a hard-tackling trio. In the forwards Savage and Perry formed a perfect wing combination and were the main source of danger. Wilson was a good leader.

ARBOATH PLAYER

The R.A.S.C. defence had a hard day. Peters who was injured but carried on, and Witham played well but the halves were weak.

Included in the R.A.S.C. line was an expatriate, McMahon, who used to don the Arbroath colour in the Scottish League. He worked hard but lacked support.

Inaccurate shooting in the first half robbed Commandos of goals. R.A.S.C. defence put up a creditable display, though handicapped by a strong wind. However, they broke down under continued pressure and two quick goals by Stand and Savage gave the Commandos a two clear goals lead at the interval.

After resumption with the wind in their favour the Service Corps improved slightly but still found the Commandos too strong. Following some midfield play Perry put his side further in the lead.

Good work by the two wingers, Orr and Brown, resulted in the latter netting the losers' lone goal. Before the final whistle Perry netted his second goal for the winners.

The teams were:

No. 1 Commando: Doughty; Gray; Jones; Inglis; Rudley; Turner; Novans; Stead; Wilson; Savage and Perry.

R.A.S.C.: Wiggin; Peters; Witham; Flaherty; Merrin; Greater; Orr; Duffin; Bunning; McMahon and Brown.

CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPION

Lemington, March 10. For the third successive time, J. T. Holden, 34-year-old, Tipton Harrier, won the England cross-country championship hero-to-day. He completed the ten-mile course in 57 minutes and 21 seconds with the Scottish champion, R. Reid, 15 yards behind and R. Gooley of Eastleigh the third man home.

Although without a man in the first six, the Belgrave Harriers, who are the holders, won the team award—Beaten.

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Dark Clouds Loom Serious World Situation Big-Three May Meet Soon

SJAHIR PROTESTS

Balawia, Mar. 10.
Premier Sjahir, of the unrecognised Indonesian Republic, to-day announced he would protest to Lieutenant-General Sir Montagu Stopford, British Commander-in-Chief in Java, against the landing of 2,400 Dutch troops here yesterday, and against the use of Dutch troops in the recent landings at Bali and Bangka islands in the Netherlands East Indies.

More Dutch troops are en route to the Japanese cities of Semarang and Soerabaya.—Associated Press.

Cairo Expects Treaty Talks Soon

CAIRO, MARCH 10.
BRITAIN'S FUTURE INFLUENCE AND POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST—STRATEGICALLY AND POLITICALLY THE MOST SENSITIVE AREA IN THE WORLD TO-DAY—MAY BE LARGELY DETERMINED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.
INTER THE REGENT, GRESCEONDO OF INT-BRITISH "QUIT EGYPT" RIOTS, STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN ALMOST EVERY MAJOR EGYPTIAN CITY, RESULTING IN WIDESPREAD DAMAGE TO BRITISH PROPERTY, POLITICALLY EXPERTS IN CAIRO ARE TO-DAY PREDICTING THAT THE LONG UNHELD NEGOTIATIONS FOR A REVISION OF THE 1936 ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TREATY WILL START WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS IN CAIRO.

Viet Nam Welcome To French

Saigon, March 10.
Admiral Georges Thierry d'Argenlieu announced yesterday that Vo Nguyen Giap had visited General Jacques Leclerc aboard the destroyer "Ségalais" and extended the welcome of the people of Viet Nam to the French forces.

Giap, who was Minister of the Interior until the recent Viet Nam Cabinet shake-up, is considered the leader of the Annamite nationalists.

The visit indicated the nationalists apparently are accepting the French-Viet Nam agreement. It had previously been feared they would denounce the accord and continue to fight for complete independence rather than accept the new Viet Nam status of a free state within the Indo-Chinese Federation.

Jean Scintenvy, French High Commissioner for Tonkin, also visited Leclerc, offering the welcome of the Tonkinese and Annamite people, the announcement said.

French troops have begun a mass landing at the Haiphong docks. The French are to occupy the dock areas and east and west limits of the city while the Chinese continue to hold the centre of Haiphong.—Associated Press.

Bolton Tragedy

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which crashed down without warning on the people in front of them.

PATHETIC SCENES

Many of the injuries were caused in the first few minutes by trampling underfoot but some people were hurt most by being crushed against a wall. Injuries were largely to the head and chest and many of the casualties were women, two of whom were reported to have been amongst the dead. Anxiety arose immediately amongst spectators who had lost their families or friends in the crowd. Pathetic scenes developed when the injured and dead were identified and relatives besieged the hospital seeking news of their families who had been at the game.

The Football Association is calling for a report on the catastrophe and other inquiries are being instituted immediately. Football fans bearing of to-day's disaster, recalled other serious incidents associated with cup-tie games, one of them in February 1932 when 150 people were injured at Huddersfield during a match between Huddersfield and the Arsenal. —
The police said that four per-

A DARK CLOUD OF SUSPICION HUNG DEPRESSINGLY OVER INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS YESTERDAY WITH A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT IT WILL BRING A NEW MEETING SOON OF THE BIG-THREE CHIEFS OF STATE TO CLEAR THE AIR.

WITH RELATIONS AT PERILS THEIR LOWEST SINCE VICTORY, IMMEDIATE INTEREST WAS FOCUSED UPON WHETHER THE ALLIES WILL ATTEMPT AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT OF THEIR CONTROVERSIES OR CONTINUE TO TRY FOR PIECemeAL SOLUTIONS.

In some diplomatic quarters only to aggravate irritations, here the view is taken that the situation is now so serious that the present policy of tackling one problem at a time will serve

President Truman acknowledged on Friday that he was not discounting the possibility of such meeting but indicated strongly his feeling that it should be in Washington when and if it is held.

Among the number of current disputes which would produce a long agenda for such meetings are Italy, Iran, Turkey, Manchuria and Bulgaria. The whole situation underscored the possibility that the coming United Nations Meeting in New York would prove critical.

It may furnish clear test of whether the time has been reached when the disputes between the Big Powers can be settled by a world organization in which they are dominant members or whether such disputes will remain a question for private discussion among the parties immediately concerned.—Associated Press.

Financial Estimates

London, March 10.
The British Government will spend £15,000,000 more on education in the financial year beginning April 1 next than in the current financial year, making a total of £104,980,112 for education of Parliament appears to exceed the estimates for expenditure by the Ministry of Education.

The better part of the £15,000,000 increase will go toward grants for local education authorities which will draw £11,534,000. Another substantial increase almost £1,000,000—will go to swell scholarships and maintenance allowances, bringing Government expenditure on this item to £3,500,000.

Teachers' pensions—the second highest item on the proposed expenditure list—are to account for £12,317,000.

Lord Killearn, acting British Ambassador to Egypt, said to-day that he was optimistic about the outcome of the negotiations for a revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.

A DANGER

"If you get down to basic facts, there is no conceivable reason for anything but optimism," he said. "I do not blame anyone for being Nationalists for we are all Nationalists."

Asked at a press conference if the treaty negotiations would apply to the Sudan, Lord Killearn replied: "They apply to the whole thing."

Regarding the non-participation of the Wafdist (Nationalist) Party in the Egyptian delegation on the treaty revision, Lord Killearn said: "There must be the danger that if they do not participate they will be in a position to repudiate the revision if they return to power."

Lord Killearn, who leaves Cairo to-night to take up his new post as Food Commissioner for South-east Asia, said that since returning to Egypt from London he had discussed with the Egyptian authorities the recent happenings in Cairo and the question of Egypt helping in the work of relieving the world food shortage.—Reuter.

VICTORIA'S 481 FOR 5

Victoria scored their biggest total ever in inter-state cricket when they carried their overnight score of 481 for five to 697 all out to-day against South Australia. Their previous best was 646 for eight wickets. South Australia made a disastrous start to their first innings and had lost five wickets with only 70 on the board when stumps were drawn. The star of to-day's play was the dashing Victorian right-hander Keith Stackpole who made a faultless 150 in 3½ hours, which included 16 fours. The South Australian slow bowler R. S. Ellis in 32 over took five wickets at the cost of 310 runs.—Reuter.

Some were injured seriously, 22 hospitalized and discharged, and 600 given first aid at the scene of the disaster.

Some members of the British press criticized the referee's decision to continue the match after accident. One paper said the players continued without knowing the tragedy. The referee said he acted upon police advice.

Quest For Lasting Peace

Savannah, Mar. 10.
Mr. Fred Vinson, United States Secretary of the Treasury, warned delegates at the International Monetary Conference here that world-wide economic security was essential to free the world from the "spectre of the next and perhaps last war." Opening the first session of the World Bank and Monetary Fund Conference, Vinson told the representatives of 34 member nations that those institutions "an extremely big part of the answer" to the quest for lasting peace.—Reuter.

LABOUR PARTY BACKS BEVIN'S POLICY

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Washington, March 10.
Lord Halifax has chicken pox and British embassy officials have their fingers crooked—hoping Winston Churchill doesn't catch it. Lord Halifax is confined to the embassy and Mr. Churchill returned to the embassy after his trip to Missouri.—Associated Press.

More Reports Of Soviet Withdrawals

CHUNGKING, MAR. 10.
CHINESE NEWSPAPER REPORTS SAID TO DAY THAT RUSSIAN TROOPS HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE COAL MINING TOWNS OF FUSHAN, 20 MILES EAST OF MUKDEN; AND THE CHINESE ARMY NEWSPAPER "HO PING PAO" REPORTED A SOVIET MOVE TOWARD ABANDONMENT OF MUKDEN ITSELF.

The newspaper regarded the Mukden movement as the beginning of a general Soviet withdrawal from Manchuria, but emphasized that Russian authorities hitherto had not notified Chinese authorities they were leaving.

The same newspaper said Chinese Nationalist authorities in Mukden imposed martial law as Communists east, north and south of the city "poised themselves to encircle the city."

In the only other mention of Fushan in the day's news, a Changchun report said the Russians had removed most of the generators from the power station which serves the collieries there.—Associated Press.

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Effects Of Demobilisation

LONDON, MAR. 10.
PURCHASES BY SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE AND ANXIOUS TO BUY NEW CLOTHES, SET UP HOUSES OR REFURNISH THOSE WHICH HAVE SUFFERED DURING THE WAR ARE CLEARLY REFLECTED IN THE BOARD OF TRADE RETAIL FIGURES FOR JANUARY.

Sales of hardware and furnishings again showed the greatest rise, increases being about 70 per cent. Sales of clothing, swollen by purchases made with demobilisation coupons, of which about fifty million were issued during the month, rose by 15 per cent. Food purchases were five and a half per cent greater than a year ago.

Demobilisation is progressively raising the number of civilian food consumers. In contrast to increasing demand for "necessity" articles, sales of beer and tobacco declined. Consumption of beer in December fell to 2,750,000 bulk barrels from 2,920,000 barrels in November and of spirits to 740,000 proof gallons from 870,000 gallons.

The amount of tobacco used in December was 18,430,000 pounds, as against 23,800,000 pounds in November.—Reuter.

LONDONERS' ARSENAL

London, March 10.
Londoners have so far handed in 5,600 firearms of all descriptions to the police following the Home Secretary's appeal, it was revealed to-day. The star of to-day's play was the dashing Victorian right-hander Keith Stackpole who made a faultless 150 in 3½ hours, which included 16 fours. The South Australian slow bowler R. S. Ellis in 32 over took five wickets at the cost of 310 runs.—Reuter.

U-Boats Acted In Self-defence?

NUREMBERG, MAR. 10.
REAR-ADMIRAL KARL DOENITZ, HITLER'S FORMER NAVAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, WHO FACES A MASSIVE INDICTMENT IN GERMAN U-BOAT TACTICS AT THE NUREMBERG WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL, MAY PLEAD IN DEFENCE THAT BRITISH ADMIRALTY ORDERS TO MERCHANTMEN INSTRUCTED THEM TO ATTACK AND SINK U-BOATS.

Dr. Otto Krenzschuer, Doenitz's counsel, whose application for access to "British confidential fleet orders" and "Admiralty merchant shipping instructions" from 1939 to 1940 was granted by the Tribunal to-day, said that these documents instructed all merchantmen to report any submarine at once by radio.

He also claims that they ordered merchantmen to "fire upon, ram or attack with depth charges all submarines in their vicinity."

Hermann Goering may enter the witness box to tell his own story on Wednesday if the present pace of his defence case is maintained. He is the next witness after Field-Marshal Erhard Milch, Goering's former collaborator at the Reich Air Ministry, who has further evidence to give, will be Luftwaffe Colonel Bernd von Brauchitsch, son of Field-Marshal von Brauchitsch, the former German Commander-in-Chief.

R.A.F. EXECUTIONS
Colonel von Brauchitsch is expected to testify that Goering as chief of the Luftwaffe defied Hitler's instructions to turn over to the S.D. (German secret police) captured Royal Air Force "terror fliers."

He is expected to say in particular that Goering was only informed after the event of the shooting of 50 R.A.F. officers who attempted to escape from Stalag Luft 3 at Sagan, Silesia. Dr. Robert Servatius, captain for Fritz Sauckel, former German Labour Chief, has issued statements accusing Russia and Czechoslovakia of putting Germans to forced labour. His statement said that a considerable part of the civil population of Königsberg (East Prussia) was deported by the Russians and is still working in the Urals.

A Czech officer at the War Crimes Tribunal to-day described as a "piece of importance" further charge by Dr. Servatius that the Czechs put 10,000 Germans to forced labour in the German town of Saaz.

As the defence case gets underway there is much speculation in Nuremberg as to the possible fate of the accused who may be found guilty. The Tribunal's charter gives it power to confiscate the estates of any of the defendants who are condemned to death.

Should any of the accused be acquitted he can be brought to trial again if fresh evidence is found against him.—Reuter.

Panda For London Zoo

London, March 10.
A new Giant Panda for the London Zoo—a delicate traveller who cannot stand extremes of heat and cold—is providing a rare transport problem to Chinese officials who are responsible for shipping the animal to England.

They have to arrange the first stage of the journey from Chengtu, capital of the western Chinese province of Szechuan in whose remote mountains it was captured after weeks of search.

Mr. K. C. Wu, Chinese Minister of Information, has come to the rescue with a letter to Lieutenant-General Sir Adrian Carton de Wiart, personal representative of Mr. Clement Attlee with General Chiang Kai-shek, the panda a part-way life in his private aircraft later this month.

The London Zoo is offering a scholarship to the Chinese zoologist who will look after the panda on its journey half way round the world.

The last panda at the Zoo, which died on Christmas Day 1944, after six years in England, was estimated to be worth £2,000.—Reuter.

From Private To Director

Chatham, Kent, Mar. 10.
When Private William Conning received his demobilization leave he went back to work as manager of a "chain" grocery shop here where he started as an errand boy 20 years ago.

As he stood behind the counter to-day, Frederick Kendall, the firm's managing director, went up to him and said: "It's time I had a rest, Bill. From next month on you are the managing director."

Kendall later told a reporter:

"Bill Conning joined my firm as a 14-year-old shortly after I had been demobbed from the last war. He was very popular with the customers and nothing was too much trouble for him. After two years delivering orders, he became assistant behind the counter and eventually managing director."

The weapons include "more than 2,500 revolvers, 2,000 pistols, 750 rifles, 150 machine-guns and over 30,000 rounds of ammunition as well as shells and incendiary bombs."—Reuter.

Citroens For England

London, March 10.
The first cars imported into Britain since the war are now being assembled at Slough, Bucks.

They come from the Citroen works in France and arrive in parts for assembly. Production started after a special application for an import licence was granted by the Board of Trade. No import licences are yet being granted to importers of American cars.—Reuter.

HAMBURG, Mar. 10.
New German ration cards will be issued at the end of the month only to those able to produce evidence of inoculation against typhoid. It was announced here to-day. Three hundred thousand people volunteered for inoculation during the recent anti-typhoid drive. The remaining 500,000 will have to be inoculated or go hungry.—Reuter.

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13.30 p.m.—Daily programmes Summary.

13.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestra Ray & Co.

1.30 p.m.—A chalk-walk programme.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—Sing & Dance.

3.45 p.m.—Vocal Music.

4.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

4.05 p.m.—Musical Times—EBWA.

4.25 p.m.—New Musical Orchestra.

5.00 p.m.—Song & Dance.

5.15 p.m.—Radio Rhythm Club.

5.30 p.m.—Studio—Radio Rhythm Club prepared by Ron Crooke & Syd Liebling.

6.00 p.m.—Light and Humorous Variety Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Eric Weston and His Band.

6.45 p.m.—Song and Dance.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

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